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Basil, July 10.

THE Letters from Swabia tell us, that the Marshal de Villars has posted his Army so advantagiously that 'tis impossible to force his Camp; he has the Danube (over which he has laid 3 Bridges) in his Rear; the little River Eger before his right Wing and the greatest part of his main Body; and before his left Wing stands the Town of Lauingen (which he has fortified) on the right, and the Village of Eichster on the left.

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Dillingen, July 12. The Imperialists commanded by Prince Lewis of Baden, have rais'd a Battery, planted it with heavy Artillery, and cannonade the Marshal de Villars's Camp. The Margrave of Bareith, is come with the Body he commands, within 3 Leagues of the Prince of Baden; as soon as he has joyn'd him 'tis said 20000 Men will be sent over the Danube, to streighten the Enemy on that side.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated July 19.

Amsterdam, July 19. *By the Neutral Countries* we have Letters from France, dated July 6. which bring the following News.

Two Regiments of Cavalry and 3 of Infantry march'd from Metz on the 17th of last Month, to reinforce the Army of the Duke of Burgundy in Alsace, where he expects more Reinforcements and 80 Pieces of Cannon, which when he has receiv'd he will open the Campaign. The Estates of Burgundy, who assembled at Dijon on the 20th *Ult.* in presence of the Duke de Bourbon, Governour of that Province, have made the King a Free Gift of 900000 Livres. His Majesty has given the Regiment of the Marquess d'Espinchal, who was lately kill'd in Italy, to the Son of the Prince d'Elbeuf, who serves under his Uncle the Prince de Vaudemont in quality of Aid du Camp. The War in the Sevennes continues, and the Marshal de Montrevel finds himself so unable to reduce the Malecontents, that he has written to Court for more Troops; And yet 'tis reported that part of the Troops employ'd in that Service, will be sent to reinforce the Duke of Burgundy; and that their room will be supply'd by other Troops from Italy. The Imperial Hussars on the Danube have taken Monsieur de Chelberg who was going to take upon him the Government of Ulm, a Collonel who was returning thither from Munich, and the Baron de Montigni Languet a Lieutenant Collonel in the Service of the Elector of Bavaria. The Abbot de Soubize, Coadjutor of Strasburg, is nominated to supply the Place vacant in the French Academy by the Death of Monsieur Perrault. Monsieur de Chateauneuf de Castagneres, who is set out from hence on his Embassy to Portugal, takes Madrid in his way; and 'tis said will stop there, if he receive certain Information that the Court of Portugal has really made a Treaty of Alliance with the Confederates at War with France and Spain, of which Treaty we are still in doubt.

With these Letters came the following Relation of the Battle of Eckeren.

From the Camp of the Marquess de Bedmar *at* Deuren *near* Antwerp, July 1. The Allies having forc'd some Avenues of the Lines in the Country of Waes, form'd a Design to break into the Lines of Antwerp and Attack our Army; and in order to it advanc'd to Stabroeck between Eckeren and Capelle, in number 16000, under the Generals Obdam and Tilly. Of which the Marquess de Bedmar immediately sent Intelligence to the Marshals Villeroy and Boufflers, who being inform'd at the same time that the Grand Army under the Duke of Marlborough was moving towards Antwerp, march'd with that of the two Crowns to Dieft. Where the Marshal de Boufflers, putting himself at the Head of 30 Squadrons and 30 Companies of Grenadiers, march'd with so great diligence, that on the 30th *Ult.* in the Morning he arriv'd in this Camp, and concerted Measures with the Marquess de Bedmar to attack the Enemies in their Camp. The Troops advanc'd, by several Routes, towards the Enemy, who did not expect such a Visit. They began the Attack at 4 in the Afternoon between Eckeren and Capelle: They charg'd on all sides with great Fury; the Marquess de Bedmar with his Army, and the Marshal de Boufflers in Flank. Never was there a more fierce Engagement. The Victory hung long; but at length the Enemies were beaten out of their Camp; their Artillery, Ammunition, Baggage and Tents, were taken; and they were driven back (on their Digues leading to the Schelde) till 11 at Night. A dreadful Slaughter was made. The Night favour'd the Retreat of the Enemies, who sav'd themselves in the Boats they had along the Schelde. The Victors remain'd all Night on the Field of Battle, whence the Marquess de Bedmar return'd this Morning hither. Would the Ground, which is full of Inclosures, have permitted our Cavalry to act, but few of the Enemy had escap'd. This Victory and the March of the Count de la Motte into the Country of Waes, have oblig'd General Coehorn to quit that Country with great Precipitation.

There are 2 Posts due from Italy hitherto, which no doubt is owing to the Bavarians having possess'd themselves of the Passages through Tyrol; and till that Inrerruption is taken away, or some other conveyance found out, we can have no News from that Country. The Advices from France by the Neutral Countries, tell us, That the Duke de Vendome has order'd a Detachment of 10 or 12000 Men, led by the Count de Medavi, to march to Succour the Elector of Bavaria, who has not Troops sufficient to keep Tyrol and at the same time defend his own Country against the Imperialists.

The Advices from Languedoc by the Neutral Countries, inform us, That Monsieur de Sargas is condemn'd to the Gallies for Life; And add, that the late Execution of several Camisars, has serv'd only to animate and augment their Party.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated July 19.

Some Letters from the Lower Languedoc that come by Swisserland, say, That on the 28th of last Month there was Action between a Detachment of the King's Troops and 450 Malecontents, and that it lasted 3 hours with great Obstinacy on both sides: But that in the end the Royalists receiv'd a total

Defeat

Defeat, and the Camisards remain'd Masters of the Field, with the loss on their side of 100 Men.

From the Army of the Allies commanded by the Duke of Marlborough *encamp'd at* Vorselaer, July 19. A Convoy of about 300 Waggons with Bread and other Provisions arriv'd yesterday in our Camp from Breda. The French are still in their former Camp at St. Jop, but have clear'd the Ground and made 4 large open Ways in their Rear, in order to retreat if they find occasion; and have thrown up several Batteries to secure their Camp. From Lillo they tell us, that Monsieur Coehorn has not yet found a fitting opportunity to Attack Fort Bedmar. The firing we heard on the 15th was made at Liere and Antwerp by the Enemy, (as we are inform'd) for the Success of the Elector of Bavaria in Tyrol.

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Fort Philippine, July 13. The Waters are very much out in the Spanish Flanders, and have done a great deal of Damage. About Dunkirk several Houses and Mills have been wash'd away, as also about Tournay, Lisle, and Rousselaer; and even the Country of Artois has suffer'd not a little. At Courtray several Bodies of Men and Beasts have been taken up floating. Three Fourths of Flanders are under Water; so that the Damage must needs amount to some Millions.

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Breda, July 15. Yesterday towards Evening General Somerfield and Brigadier Heukelom arriv'd here, and were entertain'd at our Governour's House; the Brigadier went away for the Grand Army to night, and the other will go tomorrow Morning with the Convoy that carries Provisions thither. The Countess of Albemarle, the Countess of Dona, and Lieutenant General Buloo's Lady, are come hither from the Camp; and 'tis said Orders are given for all Women and other defenceless Persons to leave the Army.

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Hague, July 17. They write from Breda, that the Countess of Albemarle is arriv'd there from Maestricht; We have Advice that the Marshal de Boufflers with a Detachment of 19 Battallions and 4 Squadrons of the Marshal de Villeroy's Army is marching into Flanders. General Coehorn is reinforc'd by some Forces from Hulst. Some Battallions are sent from Bergen op Zoom to Lillo.

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Breda, July 19. The Body of Forces commanded by Monsieur Coehorn, is cover'd, the right Wing by the Lines made by the Enemy, the Left by a Water above 100 Paces broad, the main Body by the old Fort Spinola which is repair'd for this occasion, and the Rear by a Digue planted with Artillery: He is almost within Cannon shot of Fort Bedmar, the Garrison of which the Enemy have reinforc'd from 200 to 600 Men; the Fort it self is provided with good Bastions, a Ditch, a pallisadoed Counterscarp, and 12 Cannon. The Body of the Enemies under Count de la Motte is reinforc'd with 6 Battallions. Count Guiscard who crossd the Schelde at Antwerp with 17 Battallions, is now encamp'd at Borgt.

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